Amendments to the Specification:

Page 3, please delete lines 14-27 through page 6, lines 1-7 in its entirety.

Page 6, second full paragraph (lines 8-21), please amend as follows:

According to the present invention described in claim [[6]] 2, a reception data synchronizing method for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, includes: a synchronism pattern detecting position recording step for recording a synchronism timing at which the synchronism pattern of the reception data is detected; a collection and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference data; and a synchronism control step operative, when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between a timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected after the synchronism timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting position recording step and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

Page 6, please delete last paragraph (lines 22-27) through page 8, lines 1-14 in its entirety.

Page 8, second full paragraph (lines 15-27) through page 9, lines 1-2, please amend as follows:

According to the present invention described in claim [[11]] 3, a computer readable medium embodying a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a reception data synchronizing method for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, includes: a synchronism pattern detecting position recording step for recording a synchronism timing at which the synchronism pattern of the reception data is detected; a collation and synchronism decision step for collating the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with

the reference data; and a synchronism control step operative, when the collation and synchronism decision step gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between a timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected after the synchronism timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting position recording step and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

Page 9, please delete beginning with first full paragraph (lines 3-25) through page 10 in its entirety.

Page 11, first paragraph (lines 1-14), please amend as follows:

According to the present invention described in claim [[16]] 4, a reception data synchronizing apparatus for a synchronization to be obtained between reception data having a synchronism pattern for a synchronism to be obtained and expectation data as an expected value of the reception data, includes: a synchronism pattern detecting position recording device that records a synchronism timing at which the synchronism pattern of the reception data is detected; a collation and synchronism decision device that collates the reception data with reference data to decide whether or not the reception data is consistent in phase with the reference data; and a synchronism control device operative, when the collation and synchronism decision device gives a decision for inconsistency in phase, for a match between a timing at which the synchronism pattern is detected after the synchronism timing recorded in the synchronism pattern detecting position recording device and a timing of a synchronism pattern of the expectation data.

Page 11, please delete second full paragraph (lines 15-27) through page 13 (lines 1-9).